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Dear Dr. Lett:

I noticed with interest press reports concerning your reply to a letter by Mr. James P. Mitchell.

I regard your criticism of tendencies toward "subtle discrimination" in public employment as certainly worthy of investigation. If elected Governor, I shall do my utmost to assure full opportunity to all citizens of New Jersey.

Meanwhile, I, too, would like to pose several questions to you:

Has there been a real improvement in the attitude of the administration and affiliated governmental agencies toward minorities?

Have Governor Meyner's appointments to the Judiciary and other policy-making posts been precedent-setting in New Jersey government?

Has it been the Democratic Assembly of the last four years or the Republican Senate which has done more to assure equality for all groups? I refer, for example, to the S-1 and A-12 housing bills, and A-684, which outlaws discrimination by all public contractors and suppliers.

I also would appreciate your comments on the civil rights activities by the present administration in Washington, as compared with the efforts in this area by the predecessor administration of which Mr. Mitchell was a member.

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Thank you in advance for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

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